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In re Application of:	
Kregg J. Raducha et al.))
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For: Planter Hitch Apparatus)) (Divisional of Serial No. 10/090,273) filed March 4, 2002)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-identified divisional application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 1, insert: --

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of Application No. 10/090,273 filed March 4, 2002 and still pending.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-13 of the prior application.

Respectfully submitted,

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